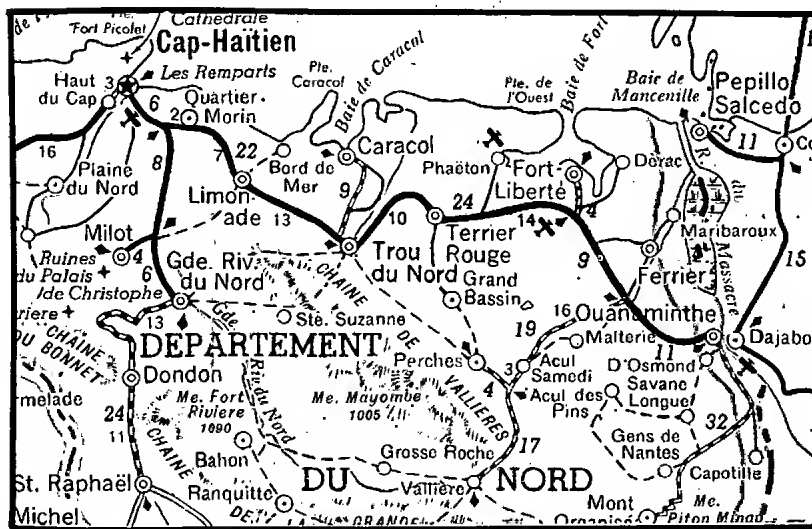


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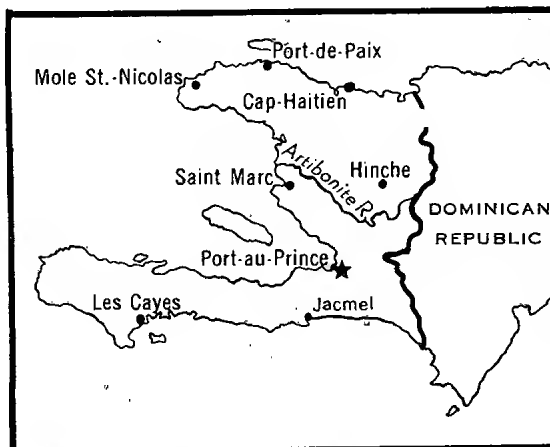
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1. Haiti

a. Our information on the invasion force and its progress is still fragmentary and occasionally conflicting.

b. Signs are, however, that Cantave's group has failed to hold key points along the road west to Cap-Haitien and is losing the initiative to Duvalier's troops.

c. Whether according to plan or not, the invaders, estimated to number anywhere from 40 to 300, have apparently broken up into small guerilla bands. Many seem to have retreated to their boats or back into the Dominican Republic, presumably to regroup and get additional supplies.

d. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ouanaminthe, on the Dominican border, Fort Liberté and Limonade are in Haitian government hands, with reinforcements moving in to repulse any new rebel attacks.

e. Haitians discount the seriousness of the invasion to US officials, but [REDACTED]

President Duvalier was concentrating his forces in the capital in case of

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a showdown. Some Haitian government officials have approached foreign embassies in Port-au-Prince regarding the possibility of asylum.

f. There have been numerous arrests of both civilians and military personnel in Port-au-Prince and in the areas of reported fighting, but the capital remained quiet as of late last night. Though some militiamen have been arrested for refusing to go to the area of fighting, exile claims of large-scale defections by government military personnel remain unconfirmed.

g. We cannot confirm press reports this morning of new landings on the Haitian west coast.

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h. The OAS Council yesterday heard Haiti charge the Dominican Republic with "an act of aggression on Haitian territory" and voted to have its special committee which investigated the Haitian-Dominican crisis of last April and May immediately study the complaint.

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i. The Haitians have indicated they will take the matter to the Security Council if they fail to get satisfaction from the OAS.

j. Bosch is uncommunicative and continues to play the Dominican role in Cantave's caper very close to the chest. He is worried about plotting by several groups to overthrow him, however, and may soon feel the need to make a more open commitment against Duvalier in order to improve his standing at home.

2. USSR-Cuba

a. The Soviets continue to ship military equipment back to the USSR from Cuba.

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3. West Germany -
Test Ban
Treaty

a. The West Germans are coming around to the idea that they had better sign the test ban treaty lest East Germany, by so doing, appear to be speaking for all of Germany.

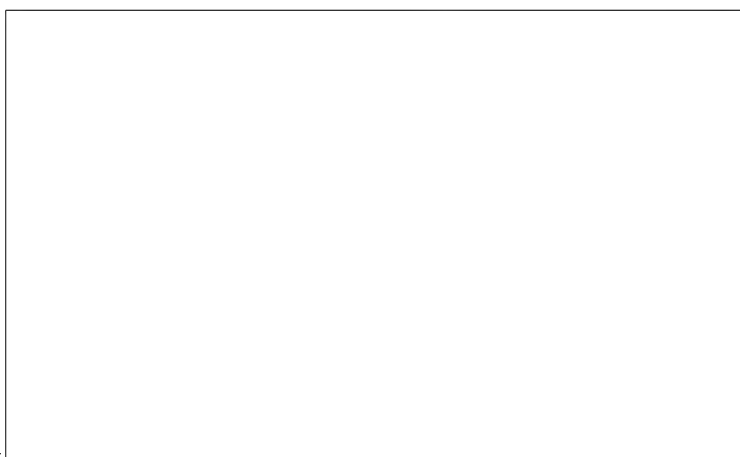
b. But they want their form of adherence to differ somehow from that of the East Germans.

c. They may be thinking of depositing instruments of adherence in Washington and London only.

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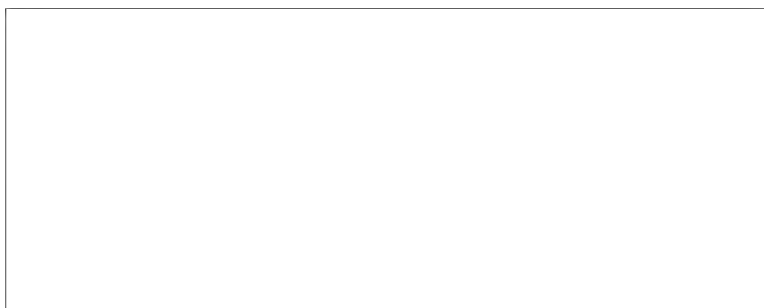
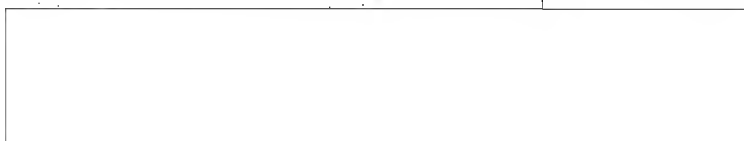


5. Malaysia

a. U Thant believes he can
get the UN's survey work in Sarawak
and north Borneo finished

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NOTES

A. Cuba - West Germany

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B. Venezuela President Betancourt has informed our Embassy in Caracas that he plans to come to New York early next month to address the General Assembly, primarily on his views on junta regimes and anti-communism. He did not say he hoped to visit Washington, rather, that he would fly to New York for the speech and return the following day.

C. Japan Embassy Tokyo reports that Ikeda is threatening to take a wide range of protectionist actions in an effort to impress upon the US the adverse effects our interest equalization tax will have on Japan's balance-of-payment position.